



Helping Blind,  
Visually Impaired and  
Multi-Disabled  
Children and Adults  
Achieve  
Independence



# Organization Overview

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- Founded in 1953 by Norm Kaplan as a weekend recreation program for blind youth.
- Today, we serve blind, visually impaired and multi-disabled children and adults throughout California.
- Rehabilitation, education, early intervention and recreation services.
- All services are offered free of charge, critical since 90% of the families we serve are low income.
- In 2013, The Hatlen Center for the Blind in San Pablo merged with Junior Blind of America
- In 2014, the Blind Babies Foundation in Oakland became a program of Junior Blind of America



# Children's Programs

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- Infant & Early Childhood Program
- Special Education School
- Children's Group Homes
- Children's Residential Program
- After School Enrichment Program
- Vision Screening Program
- Camp Bloomfield & Recreation Programs



# Camp Bloomfield

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- Our longest running program, established in 1958.
- Offers traditional summer camp experiences to blind, visually impaired and multi-disabled youth.
- Activities include hiking, horseback riding, archery, swimming and more!





# Need for Services

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- Vision disorders are the **4<sup>th</sup> most common disability in the U.S.**
- In California, **over 723,000 people suffer from vision loss**—a number that continues to grow.
- Over 70 percent of adults with vision loss are unemployed or under-employed.





# Youth and Adult Programs

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The following programs are funded by the CA Dept. of Rehabilitation, applicants must open a case with DOR to attend JBA adult programs.

- Student Transition & Enrichment Program
- The Davidson Program for Independence
- The Hatlen Center for the Blind
- Customer Service & Call Center Training
- Job Assessment, Training, and Placement
- Advanced Assistive Technology Training



# Student Transition & Enrichment Program

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- Designed to help teens identify areas of career interest and successfully transition to college or the workforce.
- Students develop work-readiness skills through individualized instruction, group seminars and internships opportunities.
- Partner with community employers, professionals and schools to provide students with hands-on training, preparation and support that culminates in a paid internship for real work experience.







# The Hatlen Center for the Blind

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- Students move into a real apartment within a community-based apartment building and learn independent living skills in their own environment
- Students at The Hatlen Center for the Blind are truly living on their own: paying their own rent, choosing and cooking their own food, and traveling to meet real-life needs.
- Curriculums include Living Skills, Orientation and Mobility, Technology, Social Skills, Transition Planning, Pre-Vocational Skills, and College Preparation.







# Davidson Program for Independence

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- Comprehensive residential program designed to help adults who are blind or visually impaired increase their independence.
- Four core classes: Braille, Assistive Technology, Orientation and Mobility and Independent Living Skills.
- Graduates of the program attain the skills to live independently, attend college or secondary education, find employment and enjoy productive and fulfilling lives in their homes, communities and places of work.





# Davidson Program for Independence

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- Students reside in our residential dormitory and practice independent living skills while attending a daily schedule of classes
- Students start the program in suite-style rooms and progress to fully-equipped training apartments
- Average program length is 6 months
- 25 students in the program at any time, new students are added every month
- Classes are typically held 6 hours per day, 5 days per week



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# How Can Individuals Apply?

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- Contact the CA Department of Rehabilitation, Blind Field Services
- Call Junior Blind at (800) 352-2290
- Visit us online at [juniorblind.org](http://juniorblind.org)
  - Select the “Programs” tab, then “Youth and Adult Services” to pick a program
  - Click the link to submit an Online Inquiry and we will contact you!





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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- You are invited to our campus to take a tour!
- For any further questions, please contact:

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